

I am an Internet user that lives in a rural area. My telephone supplier has been slow to provide access to the current standards provided in large population areas. I would not like to become dependent on the large telecon suppliers.

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.